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Recall Management Division  
Office of Defects Investigation (NEF-111)  
Safety Assurance  
National Highway Traffic Safety Administration  
400 Seventh Street SW  
Washington, D.C. 20590

Re: **Pacific Steel Casting**  
**Peterbilt Recall No.: 1206D**

Dear Mr. Person:

PACCAR Inc is furnishing notification to NHTSA in accordance with 49 CFR Part 573 "Defect and Noncompliance Reports." This motor vehicle safety defect involves vehicles manufactured by the Peterbilt division of PACCAR Inc.

Description of the Defect

Certain Pacific Steel Casting parts were found to contain elevated amounts of copper. The elevated copper could lead to cracking of the part during the quenching process, which could lead to a failure of the part. These parts are used to attach axles to Peterbilt Air suspensions. Failure of the part can result in erratic vehicle handling. There have been no reported accidents or field failures associated with these parts.

Identification of Affected Vehicles

Peterbilt has identified 3,246 affected vehicles; 2007 and 2008 models 330, 335, 340, 357, 365, 367, 378, 379, 385, 386, 387, 388 and 379K manufactured between August 16, 2006 and November 22, 2006.

Chronology of Events Leading to Recall

Between September 26, 2006 and October 20, 2006 Peterbilt rejected several Pacific Steel Casting parts due to cracking. The parts were returned to Pacific Steel Casting for analysis. The metallurgical analysis indicated an elevated copper content. Pacific Steel notified Peterbilt of the lot numbers to be rejected and on November 16, 2006 containment of the suspect parts was initiated.

Description of Remedy

Peterbilt will inspect and replace any suspect part with a new part made with the correct metallurgical composition.

Identification of Recall Schedule

The Peterbilt number for this campaign is "1206D". Peterbilt will administer the recall.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kenneth R. Brownstein". The signature is written in a cursive style with a prominent initial "K".

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